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examination of the case, sanctioned the assignment of about 250 acres, being the whole of the eastern portion with the exception of a channel to the south.

(*f*) The Government are not aware whether the case is as stated.
(*g*) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. A. Parasurama Rao :—" In regard to the answer given to clause (*c*), am I to understand the hon. Member to mean that there was no opposition at all by the villagers at the time or that no such opposition was brought to the notice of the Government at the time? May I ask whether he will be pleased to enquire into this aspect of the matter ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I do not propose to enquire now whether there was opposition by the villagers to the grant of land made by the Government in the year 1919."

Reservation of lands for assignment to depressed classes.

* 207 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the proposals under the consideration of the Government for modifying the present system of reserving lands for assignment to members of the depressed classes so as to permit more thorough inspections and enquiries after assignment ?

A.—The Commissioner of Labour has recently suggested certain proposals on which the Government await a report from the Board of Revenue.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" The answer given to this question is 'The Commissioner of Labour has recently suggested certain proposals on which the Government await a report from the Board of Revenue.' My question was to ask what the proposals were."

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" The proposals were described in full when a similar question was answered on the floor of this House."

Landlord and Tenant

Amending Bill to the Estates Land Act of 1908.

* 208 Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the amending Bill to the Estates Land Act of 1908 now is ; and

(*b*) when the Government are going to introduce the same in the Council ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to Legislative Council Question No. 18.

Alleged memorial from Parlakimedi ryots against sanction for record of rights.

* 209 Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of petitions received from the ryots of Parlakimedi estate complaining against the sanction for record of rights and settlement under Chapter XI of the Estates Land Act of 1908 ;

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(b) whether it is a fact that appeals are pending in the High Court of Madras between the Parlakimedi estate and certain ryots regarding the right of the estate to levy water-cess and to enhance the rent ; and

(c) what action the Government propose to take on the above petitions?

A.—(a) The Government have received seven petitions. They understand that the Board of Revenue has received a number also.

(b) Yes.

(c) No decision has as yet been arrived at.

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—"In view of the answer given to clause (b) of this question, viz., 'that appeals are pending in the High Court of Madras between the Parlakimedi estate and certain ryots regarding the right of the estate to levy water-cess and to enhance the rent', will the Government be pleased to put off the settlement operations and the preparation of a record of rights till those suits are decided."

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"I would refer the hon. Member to the answer given in clause (c). The matter is under consideration."

Introduction of the Malabar Tenancy Bill.

*210 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a Malabar Tenancy Bill ;

(b) if so, on what lines ; and

(c) when ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The matter is under the consideration of Government with reference to the recent report and draft Bill prepared by the Malabar Tenancy Committee.

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"May I have, Sir, a little more definite information as to the exact stage at which the matter stands at present ?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"The exact stage is that the report and the draft Bill and a summary of the recommendation of the Committee were translated in Malayalam and published in the papers. The Government have not come to any conclusions on the report."

Minor Irrigation

Supply of water to the Kaveripauk tank.

*211 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what were the original depth and the dimensions of the Kaveripauk tank and what are its present depth and dimensions ;

(b) when the tank was full for the last time and how many villages are being irrigated by the tank ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Kaveripauk tank gets its water from the Palar river and that the Palar river has become dry for the last 23 years, and if so, what the reasons are for the same ;